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CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 1993 AT 5:30 P.M. IN H-769, SIR GEORGE WILLIAMS CAMPUS

Documents Considered:

BD-D1: Committees of CUSA (3-3)
BD-D2: Closed Commitees of CUSA (3-4)
BD-D3: D. Leibu's letter of intent for the position of Chairperson
BD-D4: V.P.'s Job Descriptions

1. CALL TO ORDER

Interim chairperson, Daniel Leibu, called this meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

• ROLL CALL

PRESENT

CO-PRESIDENTS
Philip Dalton
Lana Grimes

FINE ARTS
Kimberly Jensen (left 9:43 p.m.)

ARTS AND SCIENCE
Nada Al-Yazdi (left 6:40 p.m.)
Pascale Batchoun (left 9:40 p.m.)
Ken Blackburn
Cheryl Budman

ARTS AND SCIENCE
Helen Ora Cohen
Alastair Deri-Power (5:55 p.m.)
Genevieve Grenier
Alamgir Khan

Shafik Mina
Ken McMurray
Laurie Nicholson
Tony Nicolas (left 8:45 p.m.)
Stacy Schacter (left 7:35 p.m.)
Christine Vieira

COMMERCE
Kristina Bolh
Emmanuel Kamukama
Paul O'Connor (left 9:43 p.m.)
Kassan Rahhal (arrived at 6:15 p.m. & left 9:40 p.m.)

ENGINEERING
Mohamed Raza Jivraj
Len Podgurny

ABSENT

Arts and Science:	Maha Asfour (w/r)
Commerce and Administration:	Marc Fares, Bobby Lunny (w/r)
Engineering:	Walid Sebali (w/r)

2. APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIRPERSON

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Daniel Leibu be appointed Chairperson for this meeting.

Moved by: L. Podgurny
Seconded by: G. Grenier

VOTE ON MOTION **UNANIMOUS**

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda of the Special Meeting be approved.

Moved by: L. Grimes
Seconded by: M. R. Jivraj

VOTE ON MOTION **UNANIMOUS**

4. CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

The chair had no remarks to make.

5.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Special meeting held on 05/05/93 be approved.

A. Khan pointed out that on P. 14, his remarks should read, " that the Islam religion follows the lunar calendar and is different from the solar calendar." There were no objections to this correction.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES

Moved by: L. Grimes
Seconded by: E. Kamukama

VOTE ON MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES **UNANIMOUS**

6.0 Co-President's Report

6.1 Audit

L. Grimes stated that she spoke with G. Tagliamonti this morning from Arthur Anderson and asked him for an update with regards to the audit. He informed Lana that the auditors had contacted the Toronto Dominion Bank and were informed that there were more than one hundred (100) missing cheques and a lot of missing statements. Lana added that G. Tagliamonti is friends with the account manager at the bank, who will expedite the process of retrieving the missing cheques from microfiche which are in archives. L. Grimes added that the estimated time to have this information is approximately two weeks and that once this information is attained, the auditors will need ten (10) days for a turn-around period to complete the necessary work for the audit. Lana concluded by stating that in June the 1991-92 audit will be presented to the Board.

P. Dalton stated that F. Longpre made a bona fide effort to contact C. Nero, with regards to the letter sent to Humeur Design. He added that C. Nero did not respond to Mr. Longpre's calls and that the association was forced to proceed to a settlement, as the matter is before the courts. Philip stated that upon settling with Humeur Design, $500.00 will be issued to them tomorrow, $1, 000 on May 31st and the balance on September 17th.

P. Dalton stated that $4, 000 will be issued immediately for insurance coverage and the balance at the end of September will be issued, which is $1, 933.00.

L. Grimes stated that by not going to judgement on Humeur Design, the association is not going to incur any damages for court costs. She added that with regards to CUSAprint, J. Wells paid all his bills yesterday and that a small amount is remaining in case of emergency repairs to his equipment. Lana stated that J. Wells will be leaving on the second week of June, which represents a cost-saving measure for the association. Lana added that there are two major outside printing jobs for Cusaprint, which will generate enough revenue to cover supplies, in addition to coordinating small internal jobs before J. Wells leaves.

E. Kamukama questioned a remark P. Dalton made at the meeting held on April 14th, that being that the Co-Presidents would not exercise their power in between Board meetings. P. Dalton replied that what he actually stated, was that the "Co-Presidents would like not to have to exercise their power in between Board meetings." E. Kamukama adressed the issue of the Comptroller being fired. L. Grimes replied that the Board was informed that H. V. Feldegg's contract was terminated and that there are very clear grounds for doing so, and added that it would be negligence on the association's part to have not done so. P. Dalton stated that directors were concerned with this issue at the meeting held on April 14th, and the Co-Presidents looked into it. E. Kamukama stated that the Co-Presidents had stated that this issue would be discussed at the Board level at a subsequent meeting.

Motion:

WHEREAS the CUSA/CUSAcorp 1991 financial audit is not yet completed, and;

WHEREAS because of the above, it is impossible to substantiate allegations of either misappropriation, embezzlement or gross incompetence, and;

WHEREAS this Board was neither informed nor consulted about the firing of the Comptroller;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CUSA Co-Presidents rescind their previous actions to fire H. V. Feldegg with immediate effect, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon completion of the 1991-92, the Finance Committee conduct a re-evaluation of the performance of the Comptroller on the job and recommend to this Board any action that should be taken as a result of that.

Moved by: E. Kamukama
Seconded by: L. Grimes

L. Grimes stated that to have H. V. Feldegg do any work for this association would be illogical, being that she left on vacation the day before the new administration was to take office. She added that in so doing so, H. V. Feldegg left stacks of unopened mail on her desk and that upon opening this mail, penalties were imposed by the Government on tax bills. Lana added that the Board does not need to wait until the completion of the audit to subsuntiate its claims, that H. V. Feldegg was not capable of fulfilling her mandate as Comptroller.

L. Grimes stated that there are witnesses, including security and the lawyer, and a videotape of the mess the Comptroller left behind, that the Co-Presidents were witnesses of when they took office.

P. Dalton stated that $30, 000 of unopened bills is reason enough for negligence on the part of the Comptroller, and is sufficient ground to have her.

E. Kamukama stated that the Comptroller of CUSA had no mandate to oversee the finances of the association and as such if anyone is to blame, it would be management. He added that everyone deserves a warning or a second chance

and that it is his impression that H. V. Feldegg was given an overwhelming amount of work over the last year.

E. Kamukama stated that H. V. Feldegg has gone before the Human Rights Commission and is taking legal action against the association. L. Grimes replied that the association has received no information with regards to this issue and that the only indication of this, is her having whispered in someone's ears of her doing so, to ensure that she would receive her last pay, which was granted to her. E. Kamukama added that H. V. Feldegg is taking legal action and that he has no reason to doubt what she has told him. Emmanuel stated that she was terminated without any reason, or notice and that to arrive to work, to be handed a letter at the front of the office and escorted by security is unnatural and unreasonable.

S. Mina asked to know who had the mandate to grant H. V. H. Feldegg her holidays. E. Kamukama replied that the past Co-Presidents had the mandate to do so. S. Mina stated that he was under the impression that the termination was agreeable to both parties and that he now finds that there is a contradiction present.

P. Dalton stated that when the Co-Presidents came into office, the access list was changed and that it was their opinion at the time that H. V. Feldegg was a security risk. He added that to take holidays in the middle of the financial crisis is inappropriate, even though the old administration granted her this request, which was in contradiction to her contract. He added that the letter that was issued to her stated all the reasons for her dismissal and that all the reasons are ample grounds for dismissal. Philip added that the association has reserved its rights with regards to litigation against H. V. Feldegg.

T. Nicolas stated that it is his understanding that when H. V. Feldegg took this contract she was fully aware of what the job entailed.

L. Grimes added that the memorandum drawn up on February 2nd, between CUSA and the university stated clearly that the Comptroller's would be paid by the university, no debt incurred to CUSA, for the Comptroller to work exclusively on the audit. Lana added that H. V. Feldegg wants her accumulated 19 sick days to be transferred to salary, which amounts to $1, 900.00 and that nowhere in her contract is there such a stipulation.

MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION

Moved by: K. McMurray

VOTE ON MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION 16/3/2 CARRIED

MOTION TO HAVE THE VOTE BY A ROLL CALL VOTE

Moved by: L. Grimes

VOTE ON MOTION BY ROLL CALL VOTE

The following directors voted in favour of the motion: E. Kamukama.

The following directors voted against the motion: L. Grimes, P. Dalton, K. Blackburn, C. Budman, H. O. Cohen, A. Deri-Power, G. Grenier, A. Khan, L. Nicholson, K. McMurray, C. Vieira, K. Bolh, P. O'Connor, L. Podgurny.

The following directors voted to abstain: N. Al-Yazdi, K. Jensen, M. R. Jivraj, S. Mina, T. Nicolas, S. Schacter

VOTE ON MOTION BY ROLL CALL VOTE 1/14/6 FAILED

L. Grimes stated that there is a CUSAcorp Board of Directors meeting on Monday to bring the directors up to date and added that there was a very poor turnout on Saturday for the clean-up of the Campus Centre.

L. Grimes stated that there are a few events that will be taking place at the Campus Centre that don't require expertise or organization on the association's part, and will be recommended to the CUSAcorp Board of Directors to be undertaken. S. Mina asked to know if the space is rented out. L. Grimes replied that for a Poet's dinner, the organizer suggested paying $250.00 and that the CUSAcorp Board of Directors can negotiate a price for renting out the Campus Centre.

S. Mina asked to know what the association will do with the boxer shorts. L. Grimes replied that the cost for each pair before tax was $6.03, and that ideally she would like to see them sold or be used as Orientation giveaways.

6.4 CUSA Centre Inc.

L. Grimes stated that a very brief meeting between Dean Counihan and the architectural firm for the CUSA Centre Inc. was held, to review what equipment is required and what has already been purchased. She also stated that CUSA Centre Inc. has already been committed to several contracts for equipment and that the CUSA Centre Inc. Board of Directors has not had a real meeting yet, due to the association lacking executives at this time on that Board. Lana added that the tendering and the permits are moving along quite quickly.

6.5 CRSG

L. Grimes stated that in an effort to upgrade CRSG's profile on campus and in the community, they are undertaking to do an independent event over the summer, which entails a festival and three benefits. She added that CRSG is inviting local bands to do pre-recording for them, in return for a performance contract, and will be performing at this festival in July.

L. Nicholson stated that with the benefits, free concerts will be held at Jailhouse. L. Grimes stated that CRSG approached CUSA for funding but that the association is only in a position to offer them printing services at this time, through CUSAprint. Lana added that they are requesting a maximum amount of $300. 00 at this time.

6.6. ANEEQ

L. Grimes stated that there is some confusion over where the National Congress of ANEEQ is to be held and that the ANEEQ executive is behind schedule on preparations and necessary documentation.

P. Dalton stated that the conference will be held at UQAM and that the association should consider sending a delegate to observe. He suggested that the Board provide their insights into this issue.

MOTION TO GO INTO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved by: P. Dalton

VOTE ON MOTION TO GO INTO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE UNANIMOUS

L. Grimes stated that ANEEQ has existed for eighteen (18) years and that it has lead the Quebec student movement and often has set the standards for the national student movement. She stated that for some time there has been power grab inside ANEEQ, whereby some political affiliated groups have attempted to sway the direction that ANEEQ is taking.

L. Grimes stated that this congress is the result of Concordia attending the last congress, whereby representatives went as observers and withdrew completely due to obscure quorum regulations and the fact that they were going to elect a new executive. She added that there is a lot of democratic nonsense, whereby rules for quorum often don't apply due to disaffiliation of groups. Lana suggested that a small delegation attend this congress to provide a strong voice, which will take place this weekend.

L. Grimes stated that Concordia has to change its tone and involvement and make a move that will determine the future of ANEEQ. She added that as the only english speaking university on ANEEQ, Concordia should take an active role in determining ANEEQ's political direction.

K. McMurray stated that ANEEQ has become more and more a political organization as opposed to a student activist organization, an organization that has taken on a separate identity from its membership as opposed to an organization that is supposed to be the sum total of its members.

K. Bolh asked to know if K. McMurray has contacted other associations that have not been active in the past and whether they have decided to attend this conference. K. McMurray replied that after having spoken to several associations, the tone is one of letting the students decide whether to remain members of ANEEQ.

S. Mina suggested that delegates representing Concordia should go to the congress with a desired direction and goals set out in advance. L. Grimes replied that it is too soon to be making such a move and not the necessary time for ANEEQ itself. She added that there is time to decide what to do and because of the nature of Concordia's membership in ANEEQ, the delegates of this university can call a congress of universities and CEGEP associations, where the future of ANEEQ can be decided, in the fall.

K. McMurray stated that there is a technical delegation of six (6) individuals from each association who are entitled to attend ANEEQ conferences, three (3) official delegates and three (3) alternates. He added that this should never impede anyone from attending ANEEQ conferences.

P. Dalton stated that he feels that ANEEQ is pretty lame and that it is important to decide where Concordia wants to go and what is needed is a lot of directors to attend the congress, and then determine which direction Concordia will take.

The Chair suggested that all interested directors speak to K. McMurray to decide who will be attending this congress.

7.0 RATIFICATION OF EXECUTIVES

L. Grimes stated that a panel was set up to carry out the interviewing of the applicants and that the panel was composed of four (4) people. She added that the interviews were conducted over a three day period and that the people on the panel were not always present, but that there were directors in the vicinity who attended the interviews. Lana stated that when she felt that there were too few members present for an interview, it was taped for panel members to hear later on.

L. Grimes stated that there were approximately twenty-five (25) applications and that after having undergone the interview, it was obvious that some candidates were better suited for other portfolios than the one they had applied for. She added that candidates were consulted with regards to this issue and whether they would be interested in another portfolio that they were better suited for.

7.1 Chairperson of the Board of Directors

L. Grimes stated that for the Chairperson of the Board, there was only one (1) applicant, D. Leibu.

K. Jensen chaired the meeting while questions were directed to D. Leibu.

T. Nicolas asked D. Leibu if he is still associated with FOCUS. D. Leibu replied that he is still associated with FOCUS but that he has resigned as chairperson of this Board. He also stated that he is an executive of the ECA and holds the position of V.P. Administration.

K. Rahhal asked to know if sufficient advertising was given for this position. L. Grimes replied that there were three (3) ads placed in the student newspapers but that part of the problem that the new administration faced, was that they took office one month late and that everything was delayed as a consequence. Lana added that applications were being accepted up to the point that the interviews were taking place. She suggested that if the Board is terribly concerned with the number of applicants forthcoming for the position of Chairperson, the Board can open it up again in the fall, if it is not satisfied.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Daniel Leibu be appointed chairperson of the CUSA Board of Directors for the 1993-94 term.

Moved by: P. Dalton
Seconded by: L. Podgurny

VOTE ON MOTION UNANIMOUS

D. Leibu resumed the position of chairperson.

7.2 V.P Administration

L. Grimes handed out the Vice-Presidential job descriptions for directors to consult.

L. Grimes stated that the V.P. Administration will undertake to coordinate all the CUSA funded clubs and oversee the CCSL Caucus. She introduced A. Ghaemi to the Board and added that he applied for the position of V.P. Finance, but that it was felt by the panel that he was better suited for the position of V.P. Administration.

P. Dalton stated that there is room for flexibility and fine tuning with respect to the Vice-Presidential job descriptions, in the course of the year.

A. Ghaemi introduced himself and stated that he has been involved actively with CRSG for two (2) years and was a member of CUTV.

E. Kamukama asked to know what issues A. Ghaemi foresees adressing, as chairperson of the CCSL caucus. A. Ghaemi replied that he is dissatisfied with student life at Concordia and would like this university to be more active in the future. He added that better services are required at Concordia and added that this university is pretty lame.

O. Cohen asked A. Ghaemi if he feels he has enough experience to grant faculties and clubs enough space. A. Ghaemi replied that his experience from CRSG has enabled him to be in contact with the university and with CUSA to obtain more space.

T. Nicolas expressed concern over the V.P. Administration's numerous responsibilities. P. Dalton replied that A. Ghaemi will not be chairing all the commissions.

L. Grimes stated that it is impossible for the Vice-Presidents to assume direct responsibility for each and every specific aspect of their portfolio and that their job is to ensure that all the areas are assumed to. She added that standard fundamental skills were sought in the applicants and the knowledge of how the university functions. Lana concluded by saying that if all these issues are met, then all the objectives will be met.

P. Dalton stated that the goal for the Vice-Presidents is to coordinate, facilitate and to manage these areas. He added that his goal this year is to ensure that there is student representation on as many committees as possible and added that the Vice-Presidents will organize these committees in a coherent, cohesive manner.

P. Dalton stated that A. Ghaemi, in his capacity as business manager of CRSG has impeccable filing and are well

ordered. He added that coming from this type of environment, CUSA could take an example. Philip concluded by saying that the main role of the Vice-Presidents is to be a manager, coordinator and facilitator.

K. Bolh stated that she was under the impression that the Co-Presidents had stated at the last meeting, that more than one candidate for each portfolio would be presented to the Board for ratification. L. Grimes replied that it was obvious from the interviews, there wasn't any obvious second choices to be made, and that the decisions unf .ed in a natural fashion. L. Nicholson stated that the choices that the interviewing panel made were very clear.

L. Grimes stated that she hopes that the next constitution that goes before the students has the Vice-P .den entrenched in it.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT A. Ghaemi be appointed Vice-President Administra for e 1993-94 term.

Moved by: L. Nicholson
Seconded by: K. McMurray

VOTE ON MOTION **UNANIMOUS**

The Chair asked the Board to address any questions they may have with respect to the job descriptions and the interviewing process at this time.

K. Bolh stated that the Board had ample time to review the job descriptions and raise any concerns they may have had.

K. Rahhal stated that the hiring committee fulfilled its duties, but that it is the responsibility of the Board to ask the questions that need to be asked, since it hasn't seen the candidates. He added that the Board has the right to request to see more than one applicant if it so chooses to do so.

S. Mina stated that his reservation is that there should have been more than one (1) choice brought forth to the Board. L. Grimes replied that it is the Co-Presidents who will be working with the Vice-Presidents in the nucleus around the clock for the next year and that she is hesitant to open up the process again, as Vice-Presidents are needed immediately.

P. Dalton stated that in the past the Co-Presidents hand-picked the Vice-Presidents and that this year, a proper tradition of hiring is in the process and that it is the best opportunity the Board has had thus far, at determining who the Vice-Presidents will be.

C. Vieira raised opposition to having only one applicant brought forth for each portfolio as the Board will also work with the executives, and is in its best interest to ensure that it is satisfied with the candidates being hired.

(Time: 7:20 p.m.)

E. Kamukama asked to know why the CUSAcorp aspect of the V.P. Services portfolio was not included under the V.P. Finance's since in his view it is more a financial problem than a services oriented one. L. Grimes replied that the focus is on revamping CUSAcorp services.

L. Grimes stated that ideally what is desired is one year of intense service to the students which was made very clear to all the candidates.

K. Jensen stated that she was around for the interviewing process and felt that it was handled very fairly from the advertising and the fact that interviews were very open. She responded to P. Dalton's remark about having being hand-picked as an executive last year, by stating that she didn't even know the Co-Presidents at the time when she was hired.

7.3 V.P. Academic

M. Giles stated that she did not originally apply for this position but that she feels she does have the experience to fulfill the mandate of this portfolio. She added that she has a strong belief that she is capable with the academic commission to represent student rights which is an important function of this administration.

E. Kamukama asked M. Giles whether she will write the Constitution, with respect to her mandate of chairing the Constitutional Commission. M. Giles replied that she will be approaching members of this Board and people who had complaints about the present constitution for their input in drafting up a new constitution.

E. Kamukama asked to know if M. Giles has given any thought to a timetable for the Teacher's Evaluations. M. Giles replied that she will be working all summer to ensure that the groundwork has been laid for the students in the fall. She added that she will be approaching the Board, and students at large with respect to teacher evaluations and that by the end of her mandate she will have fulfilled all the areas addressed in her portfolio.

T. Nicolas asked M. Giles if she is familiar with academic regulations. M. Giles replied that she has been doing some research with respect to academic regulations but that she has not gone into any detail yet. T. Nicolas further asked M. Giles what her intentions are with advocacy services. M. Giles replied that as long as students are getting a fair degree of advocacy she will ensure that the mechanism is in place to provide adequate advocacy for students.

M. Giles stated that she would like to have input and availability of results from the current process of Teacher Evaluations by consulting with the various departments and faculties, and that if this is impossible CUSA will take its own route. She added that she would like to see the Teachers Evaluations done through the faculties and the administration and obtain as equitable results as can be obtained.

A. Deri-Power asked to know how M. Giles would go about organizing the debate and lecture series. M. Giles replied that CUSA needs a lot of positive publicity and one way of achieving this is through a visiting lecturers series. She added that the debate and lecture series would increase the profile of CUSA.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT M. Giles be appointed the Vice-President Academic for the 1993-94 term.

Moved by: C. Vieira
Seconded by: H. O. Cohen

VOTE ON MOTION **18/0/2** **CARRIED**

(Time: 7:45 p.m.)

7.4 V.P. Finance

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Alan Brousseau be appointed Vice-President Finance for the 1993-94 term.

Moved by: E. Kamukama
Seconded by: H. O. Cohen

A. Brousseau stated that he has ample experience doing books and has experience in day-to day financial management, in addition to inventory and basic accounting skills. He added that he is available for the students on a full-time basis.

P. Dalton asked A. Brousseau if he has any experience working with computers. A. Brousseau replied that he has ample experience with computers.

K. Rahhal asked A. Brousseau is he has formal education in accounting. A. Brousseau replied that he is in the Honours program in Economics and that he has fulfilledall the requirements of the basic business courses.

K. Rahhal asked A. Brousseau if he is capable of working under pressure and deadlines. A. Brousseau replied that he has worked under pressure often in the past in preparing monthly financial reports, in his capacity as manager.

E. Kamukama asked A. Brousseau if he would recommend that CUSA liquidate CUSAcorp. A. Brousseau replied that he cannot say without seeing any information and added that cautiousness is required in this area, as CUSAcorp is providing valuable services to students. He added that he would not be afraid to resent the idea.

E. Kamukama asked A. Brousseau how he would segregate the duties of the V.P. Finance and the accountant. A. Brousseau replied that it is premature to be thinking about these issues, considering that there is no budget at the moment, a lot of debt and little revenue. He stated that he doesn't know what will happen, as there is no Finance Committee as yet and that he would have to look into the issue more closely. Alan stated that it is imperative to wait and see what the auditors have to propose with respect to control mechanisms.

A. Deri-Power asked A. Brousseau how comfortable he is working with people. A. Brousseau replied that working

with people is one of his strengths, as he has never had any problems with co-workers. A. Deri-Power asked A. Brousseau how comfortable he is with delegating responsibility to others. A. Brousseau replied that he will ask for volunteers to delegate duties to and added that he is prepared to pick up the slack if they do not fulfill their responsibilities, as he is responsible for all the finances of the association.

K. Rahhal stated that the nature of the V.P. Finances job is one that volunteers cannot come and go and look at the finances and asked A. Brousseau what he meant by delegating responsibilities to volunteers. A. Brousseau replied that the Finance Committee is a group of volunteers that will be very well controlled.

K. Rahhal asked A. Brousseau to define himself. A. Brousseau replied that he meets deadlines and is very hardworking.

VOTE ON MOTION **18/0/2** **CARRIED**

7.5 V.P. Information

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Fadi Khader be appointed V.P. Information and Liaison for the 1993-94 term.

Moved by: L. Grimes
Seconded by: G. Grenier

F. Khader introduced himself and stated that his interest in CUSA stemmed two (2) years ago when he was a Co-Presidential candidate and has since kept abreast with CUSA issues.

H. O. Cohen asked F. Khader what his interest is in being V.P. Information. F. Khader replied that he wants to be able to be in a position to get some work done.

S. Mina asked F. Khader how he intends to handle the issue of the handbook. F. Khader replied that the Board should have an input in the handbook and solve any problems that may arise, since it is in essence the editors of the handbook.

E. Kamukama asked F. Khader if he would defend a submission for the handbook like the controversial p. 165 which appeared in the handbook two years ago. F. Khader replied that it is up to the Board to decide what it will do with any such hypothetical submission.

E. Kamukama asked F. Khader how many individuals he envisions will be hired for the handbook. F. Khader replied that he can't give a number, but that he would like to have the association do all the graphics itself. L. Grimes replied that the V.P. Information will guide the direction of the handbook and that the there are interested individuals

who are willing to work on the handbook. Lana proposed that the Board set the handbook budget and the mandate with the V.P. Informations.

T. Nicolas asked F. Khader if there will be a handbook committee. F. Khader replied that ideally there will be a handbook committee and that he will focus his energy on releasing a newsletter of upcoming events as well, regularly throughout the year.

MOTION TO EXTEND 30 MINUTES

Moved by: K. Rahhal
Seconded by: L. Nicholson

VOTE ON MOTION TO EXTEND 30 MINUTES 18/1/2 CARRIED

C. Vieira asked F. Khader if he has given any thought to the structure of the handbook. F. Khader replied that he would like a notebook size handbook, with important deadlines, including the shuttle bus schedule and cafeteria hours. P. Dalton stated that the person who will be deciding these issues is the person who will be working directly on the handbook and being coordinated by the V.P. Information and Liaison.

L. Grimes stated that the executive will be a strong cohesive group and that inside the executive itself, the candidates have basically no previous rapport with the Board of Directors, the student body or the Co-Presidents, with the exception of F. Khader. She added that the Co-Presidents were looking for a link inside the executive, so that when the chips come tumbling and the Board cannot meet for an emergency meeting, there will be somebody present who will pull everyone together. Lana added that F. Khader will also be liaising between CASA, ECA, GSA and FOCUS. Lana concluded by saying that there is more to this position than the editorial content of the handbook to ensure that the proper communication channels are always accessible.

P. Dalton stated that F. Khader is the only candidate that the Co-Presidents actually solicited an application from.

K. Jensen asked F. Khader how he envisions addressing the needs of Fine Arts students. F. Khader replied that he will speak to her to find out what needs she feels have to be addressed. He added that he will speak to the Fine Arts executive and the students in this faculty.

MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION

Moved by: L. Nicholson

VOTE ON MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION UNANIMOUS

VOTE ON MOTION 16/3/2 CARRIED

7.6 V.P. Services

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Michelle Soso be appointed V.P. Services for the 1993-94 term.

Moved by: L. Grimes
Seconded by: K. McMurray

L. Grimes introduced M. Soso and stated that there were two (2) applications for this position and that the only other candidate clearly on all levels of the criteria was not able to compete. She added that M. Soso's application displays how she took each issue and set out her plan of attack and the final results.

M. Soso stated that she decided to submit an application for an executive position after having been disappointed with the financial crisis. She added that she has no previous connections with CUSA and that she will take the time to do something positive for students at Concordia. Michelle stated that she will be doing this job on a full-time basis and that her main goal is to revitalize student life at Concordia.

H. O. Cohen asked M. Soso if she has any previous experience with this portfolio. M. Soso replied that she was a student at York University and has worked with a lot of community groups in Toronto organizing events. She added that she worked with the black coalition for AIDS prevention, overseeing events as the volunteer coordinator for this organization. Michelle stated that she worked for a national organization that helps afro-canadian citizens to adjust to the country whereby she organized conferences, in addition to having worked for a community radio in Toronto for two years.

C. Vieira asked M. Soso if she has any experience in profit generating events. M. Soso stated that although she worked for non-profit organizations, they entailed organizing benefit dinners and events to generate money.

L. Nicholson recommended M. Soso to the Board due to her enthusiasm upon having heard her plans for Orientation at the interview.

VOTE ON MOTION UNANIMOUS

The chair granted a five minute recess.

(Time: 8:55 p.m.)

The meeting resumed at 9:05 p.m.

MOTION TO EXTEND FOR 30 MINUTES

Moved by: H. O. Cohen

Seconded by: A. Khan

VOTE ON MOTION TO EXTEND FOR 30 MINUTES 12/3/2 CARRIED

P. Dalton suggested dealing agenda items 9.0 and 11.0 as the next items items since representatives from these bodies have been present throughout the entire meeting. There were no objections to this request.

8.0 Food Coop

L. Grimes stated that the concept of this project is to collectively shop for food that is produced by environmentally concerned producers and added that this group is seeking space from CUSA. She added that the association can offer this group the fridge and the games room on the seventh floor, which are not occupied over the summer months, to store and distribute the food from.

J. Potts, a representative from this group , stated that the mission of the group is to raise student awareness into buying food products at the university and that their ultimate goal is to abolish Marriots Food Services. He added that the aim of the group is to gain a solid student group in support of this project.

S. Mina asked if the group is involved in distribution. J. Potts replied that at the moment orders are taken once every two weeks.

E. Kamukama asked to know if there is any conflict with Marriots Food Services. J. Potts replied that non-profit organizations do not conflict with profit generating food services.

G. Grenier asked to know if non-perishable items are purchased. J. Potts replied that non-perishable items are purchased as well and that the food that is distributed is not limited to students.

C. Vieira asked to know if the space the group requires is only for the summer months. J. Potts replied that this is the case.

K. Rahhal asked to know what would happen if a student falls sick due to the food purchased. L. Grimes replied that a waiver will be signed to protect the association from any lawsuits. K. Rahhal asked to know if there is any additional cost imposed if food is purchased. J. Potts replied that a 6% charge in addition to the food purchased is required which covers the cost of transport.

Motion:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT CUSA extend to the Food Cooperative a fridge and the gamesroom space on the seventh floor for a temporary period for the summer months.

Moved by: L. Grimes
Seconded by: L. Nicholson

MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION

Moved by: L. Nicholson

VOTE ON MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION **UNANIMOUS**

VOTE ON MOTION **16/0/1** **CARRIED**

9.0 Agreements with the Link/Concordian/Q-PIRG

L. Grimes stated that the student newspapers and Q-PIRG request that they have financial autonomy, as they are legally completely autonomous from CUSA. She added that the association collects the money for these bodies and then forwards it to these groups. Lana stated that a situation like the past year has disabled these groups from acquiring their funds from CUSA. She added that this procedure is very simple and straighforward.

L. Grimes stated that after having consulted with the lawyer, the negotiating standpoint is to resolve the following issues, mainly, the issue of handing over a fixed portion of student fees to each body, determined by a referendum. She added that CUSA has to provide space for these bodies and to ensure that communication between the student body and these organizations exists.

L. Grimes proposed resolving these three issues, whereby a promissory note will be issued to the Concordian in the amount of $10, 000 and $20, 000 to Q-PIRG for the money owed to them. She added that the 15-year space agreement with the Link that was signed in 1991, under the administration of E. Brown and C. Nero, is unacceptable for the association and the issue of communication with the student body, whereby determining what measures will be available for student protection with respect to the editorial content of the newspapers. Lana stated a mechanism is required whereby students can approach the system and that with respect to Q-PIRG, no space jurisdiction exists between this body and CUSA. Lana added that CUSA is covering costs for these groups like their phoneline.

L. Grimes stated that the Co-Presidents need to know what direction to take specifically with the negotiations, based on the information already stated.

S. Mina asked to know what measures can be taken, with regards to the newspapers, to ensure control measures so that they are held responsible to the students at large. L. Grimes replied that the newspapers are completely autonomous and that it could recommend to the Link that the association acquire some space with flexible options in return.

MOTION TO EXTEND THE MEETING INDEFINITELY

Moved by: A. Deri-Power
Seconded by: L. Grimes

VOTE ON MOTION TO EXTEND INDEFINITELY 12/4/2 CARRIED

C. Vieira asked to know what the consequences are with regards to space, if CUSA severs all ties with the students newspapers. L. Grimes replied that it is not advantageous that CUSA sever all ties with the newspapers and suggested that they will continue to occupy the space they hold. She added that the association will continue to hold the space designated to the media and remain on good terms with them, with rationale agreements drawn up.

C. Vieira asked to know what type of influence the association would have with the student newspapers. L. Grimes replied that the association never had any influence, nor is it likely to ever have any. C. Vieira questioned how the association can be representative to the students with respect to the newspapers. L. Grimes replied that the association can only provide recommendations for students to take if they are dissatisfied with the editorial content. She added that it is important to ensure that the constitutional amendments are made, whereby if students have a problem, they can address it directly to the newspapers.

Motion:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors give the Co-Presidents the mandate to follow this proposal when they enter into negotiations with the Link/the Concordian/Q-PIRG, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Co-Presidents bring the final proposal back to the Board for final approval.

Moved by: A. Deri-Power
Seconded by: G. Grenier

VOTE ON MOTION UNANIMOUS

10.0 Concordia Queer Collective

P. Dalton suggested tabling this motion, since no member is present from this club.

MOTION TO TABLE

Moved by: P. Dalton

Seconded by; G. Grenier

VOTE ON MOTION TO TABLE UNANIMOUS

11.0 CUSA Internal Bodies

11.1 Finance Committee

P. Dalton stated that there is not much work for an interim Finance Committee to do and suggested that a financial report be prepared for the next meeting with the V.P. Finance. He added that it is advantageous for there to be a full complement of directors for the nominations of this committee and suggested tabelling this agenda item onto the agenda of the next meeting.

MOTION TO TABLE

Moved by: P. Dalton
Seconded by: K. McMurray

VOTE ON MOTION TO TABLE UNANIMOUS

11.2 Judicial Board

P. Dalton stated that Judicial Board's term is expiring May 31st and that the Board will have to move quickly to have a functioning Judicial Board relatively soon.

L. Grimes stated that there are nine (9) seats on Judicial Board and added that at least three (3) must be filled for this body to operate. Lana suggested that the remaining positions be advertised in the fall, to allow students a chance to apply for them.

Motion:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Appointments Panel meet and review the hiring policy in order for the Judicial Board to be functional by June 1st.

Moved by: A. Deri-Power
Seconded by: G. Grenier

VOTE ON MOTION UNANIMOUS

P. Dalton stated that he would like to leave some of the seats open for new students to apply in September.

C. Vieira suggested filling six (6) seats for the Judicial Board.

12.0 OTHER BUSINESS

12.1 Marking System

The Chair pointed out that M. Asfour is not present tonight and suggested tabling this agenda item.

MOTION TO TABLE

Moved by: P. Dalton
Seconded by: L. Podgurny

VOTE ON MOTION TO TABLE **UNANIMOUS**

M. Giles stated that in a conversation with the McGill Student association president, two weeks ago, he stated to her that at the McGill Senate meeting, there was a resolution concerning a fee hike of 50%. She stated that students were well organized and mobilized and walked in Senate, emerging victoriously as the resolution was tabled and sent to a committee indefinitely. Marika stated that there will be no fee hike in the near future and that McGill has offered students to sit on the budget committee, which is unprecedented. She concluded by saying that this is an example for students at Concordia to follow.

P. Dalton extended an invitation to those directors that don't drop by the office during the week to do so, and be kept abreast of what is going on. He stated that the Board of Governors appointments will be happening shortly and suggested that the Board meet again on Tuesday to deal with this issue and the Finance Committee.

13.0 Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting

It was unanimously agreed that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, May 25th at 6:00 p.m.

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved by: L. Nicholson

Seconded by: P. Dalton

VOTE ON MOTION TO ADJOURN UNANIMOUS

This meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

D. Leibu, Chairperson

H. Danakas, Secretary